



Art Semro Legion Family News



276 8th Ave NW, PO Box 904, Ephrata, WA 98823

Phone 509-754-2761

Serving Ephrata & Soap Lake Area Veterans and their Families since 1921

May 2024

Volume 24, Number 05

Post & Auxiliary Meetings

2nd Thursday 7PM

E-board 4th Thursday 7PM

Lounge Hours

Monday thru Saturday 12PM – 8PM

Sunday 9AM – 7PM

From the Commander

April was a tough month for our family at Art Semro Post 28. We had to say goodbye to three members. The loss of Jean, Loren and Mardi will take time to heal from. I'm thankful to everyone who reached out to the families and who spent time remembering and sharing. Moving into May we have nominations needed for executive committee positions. If you have the heart to serve, please get with any of the current board members. We will vote at the May general meeting and the new board will assume their roles on July 15 after conference.

For those of you who experienced the discomfort of the Port-a-Poty during the last few months there is good news. Our sewer problem has been found and corrected. There was a break in our sewer line about 75 feet west of the building. Frank of "Ephrata Plumbing" located the problem on April 4th and replaced a section of the line. Everything has been working great since. Let's all give Frank and his gang a big thank you.

Kimberly Thomas/Commander
509-398-5535 or kkallen1965@gmail.com

From the Editor

Our goal is to have your newsletter in your hands by the first of every month. In order to accomplish this goal, we have established a **deadline of the 20th of the month** for all input to be in the hands of the editor. This gives us time to write, assemble and prepare for mailing, so we can still have it in your hands before the 1st. The best way to get input to me is by E-mail. Please send it to www.Post28ALWanews@gmail.com Otherwise, you can drop it off at the post home. If you change your mailing address, please let us know. Otherwise, your newsletter will be sent to your old address and not be forwarded. Thank You Post 28

Manager's Comments: Well, we're officially into Spring. May flowers are the best; and, don't forget getting gardens going as well. We're taking donations again, at the Lounge, for plants & flowers.

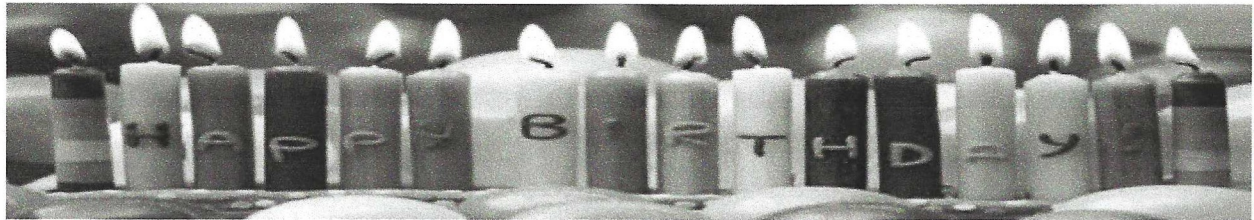
We at Post 28 would like to thank ALL of our volunteers, every little bit helps; but, I would like to do some "shout outs". Eric Vernon helps decorate our tables and smoke room as well as pick up garbage out of our parking lot. Thank You Eric!

Then there's Linda Myers who helps with Ace of Hearts, Memorials, Steak Nights, and more. Thank You Linda!

Please don't forget our Parking Lot Sale on May 4th & 5th from 9-4. We're still looking for vendors – applications can be picked up in our Lounge. And of course, we want you to come and shop.

IT'S BACK!!!! STEAK NITE – May 10th @ 5:30. We need people to volunteer to cook. Please let Trich know if interested in BBQing steaks. Anyone can volunteer.

Also, in planning ahead – we'll be doing a Lady's Night on June 9th – Paint & Sip Sunday. Tickets, \$40, are available now but very limited – so get your tickets SOON.



May Birthdays – 3rd Samantha D.; 8th Lee S.; 9th Shelly N.; 11th Jane M.; 12th Don D; 13th Gail S.; 14th Steve S.; 19th Roy D.; 20th Keith B.; 25th Marsha S.; 26th Valerie T.; 27th Meghan S. & Jason W.; 29th Marlene W.; 31st Don W.

1st Anniversary – May 22nd – Keith & Trich Butler



The Memorial & Reception for Jean Fleming & Mardi Carroll was very well attended, and a lot of compliments were received but the one that really made the day was when a woman said, "You did well, Mardi would be proud". This was indeed a family affair made up of members of our own Unit &

Post 28 Family, Basin Carriage Club, Chip Toss, Grant County Historical Society, and Rod & Gun Club. Volunteers got together and planned a couple various times. Then there were the people who just showed up with food or those who said here I am, what can I do to help. I'd love to send a personal thank you to you all but am afraid I'd leave someone out so this newsletter will have to suffice. Please accept a very sincere and huge thank you to everyone. *Jane Montaney, Unit 28*

Membership is the strength from which we accomplish our mission of service. Never forget the importance of membership in providing service to veterans, military, their families, and our communities.



Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is about helping our veterans, both those serving and those who have served. No matter how active your participation, your dues paid help fulfill our mission of service.

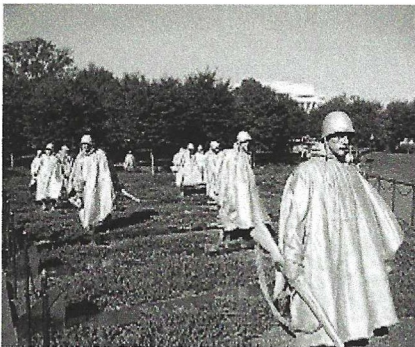
American Legion Auxiliary, Art Semro Unit 28, dues are \$50 and \$13 for our Juniors (young ladies under 18 years of age). If you take advantage of just one of the membership benefits it'll more than make up for the dues you paid. Checks should be made payable to ALA, Unit 28. Renewals and/or applications can be left at the Post home or, mailed to:

Jane Montaney 204 Maringo Road, Ephrata, WA 98823

Don't forget our special! A new Sr Member applying now, paying for both 2024 & 2025 membership years, will receive a \$6 discount because she/he is only paying per capita for the 2024 Membership Year. So, if taking advantage of the special when joining by paying for both 2024 & 2025 Membership Years, the total would be \$94. If anyone has any questions, give me a call.

In service & friendship, for God and country, Jane Montaney (509)760-1433

Honor Flight is a program where veterans from WWII, Korea, and now Vietnam are flown to Washington DC to see the Memorials built in honor of their service. Inland Northwest Honor Flight Director, Tony Lamanna, shared that it costs \$250,000 for just one Honor Flight.



Our annual Taco/Nacho Feed & Dessert Auction will take place on the traditional date – Armed Forces Day – May 18th (3rd Sat in May).

Armed Forces Day is a great day for bringing about awareness and raising some much-needed funds to help this very worthwhile project. We plan to have a DVD or 2 and hope to have some guests to share their stories of service, which can be both entertaining and thought provoking. The

speakers will take turns at various times through the evening.

Nacho/Taco Feed starts at 5 with desserts and probably a few other items being auctioned off throughout the evening. We'll also have a Silent Auction, starting a few days earlier; so, come on down and check it out. Remember when bidding – if you don't really need the item you can always donate it to one of the VAMC, Veterans' Homes, or Transitional Housing.

A \$15 per person donation is requested for the Nacho/Taco Feed but if you wish to give more, we won't complain a bit.

If you can help in any way or have any questions please call Jane 760-1433 or Mike 989-4417 Please spread the word, then come on out to enjoy a good meal, share good companionship and help raise funds. Let's do the best we can to raise a lot of funds.

Thunder on the Columbia – What is that you ask? Well, I'll tell ya what I know. It's mainly a group of Motorcycles, and a few vehicles, traveling from Northport, WA down to just over the Oregon border stopping at American Legion Posts, Veterans Homes, Community Parks, Schools, and even a stop at Stonehenge (a well-known Veterans' Memorial). The purpose of the ride is to memorialize those who've gone before them, sacrificing to serve and protect. Unfortunately, some of those who've served succumbed to the depression brought on because of their service. The Thomas Biddle Foundation, a non-profit group working to spread suicide awareness and prevention, is one of the recipients of funds collected on this ride. The other recipients are the State Veterans' Homes of Washington and Oregon.

Hopefully this event will help to bring about an awareness that the term "Freedom is not Free" is more than just words. The American Legion Family of Art Semro Post and Unit 28 is proud to be one of the stops on this run. The group will be here with us in Ephrata on Sunday May 26th from 10:15 am to 11:15am. We hope you will come down and join us for some fellowship, sharing, and a little snack too. Funds will be collected to help this good cause and informational materials will be available for people to take. Since this is on a Sunday, we'll also have a short service, similar to those military chaplains do for the troops in the field.

We'll cover this on our new website www.ala-28.org for those that can't come in person.

Anyone with questions on this should contact Jane Montaney 509-760-1433. As the ALA Treasurer, Jane will collect any donations people may want to make prior to the event (or even after) then get the monies to Thunder on the Columbia; just send to the PO Box 904 Ephrata, WA 98823.

Please make checks payable to ALA Unit 28.

Yours in service & friendship for God & Country – NOT self
Jane Montaney, American Legion Auxiliary Art Semro Unit 28

People who love and people who share,
People who help and know how to care,
People who let all their warm feelings show,
Are people that I am lucky to know!!!

New Post Web Site

I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to construct our legion website. Starting in April you have been able to get newsletters, events / activities for the post including the auxiliary, & additional information that is put out from

ala-28.org. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please let me know and I can look into it. My Email is; Tanker1041@gmail.com

If anyone would like to have the Post newsletter Emailed to them, rather than snail mailed, please let me know. Also, if you would rather just read the newsletter from the web site let me know. There are several reasons we're doing this. The first is obviously for the convenience of our members. Secondly is finance. As the cost of everything goes up so does the cost of producing the Post newsletter. Postage alone is about \$2.50 per year per member. We send out about 500 copies a month which adds up to \$1,250 per year just for postage. Remember, every little bit helps.

I would like to thank you all again.

Kris

Thunder on the Columbia

American Legion Riders from all over the northwest are meeting at Northport near the Canadian border on Friday May 24th and riding down the Columbia River to Astoria over the Memorial Day Weekend. They are trying to visit every American Legion Post near their route. They plan to visit Post 28 on Sunday morning 26 May from 10:15 to 11:15. It would be a good idea if we had a good-sized group to welcome them. The rest of their timeline will be posted at the Post home.

Advertisements

It's that time of year again when we ask our supporters to make another \$100.00 tax-deductible donation to help support our newsletter. Your past support of our Post Newsletter has been greatly appreciated. Our newsletter is received by over 500 American Legion Families every month, with most of them living in the Ephrata/Soap Lake area. It is your generous annual donation of \$100.00 that makes this possible. Although your donation does not pay the entire cost of producing and distributing the newsletter, it covers most of it. That frees up Post funds to support our many Veterans and Children and Youth programs.

In return for your donation your business card size advertisement will appear in each of our monthly newsletters for one year. Please include two of your business cards with your check for \$100 and send your check to;

Post 28 Newsletter

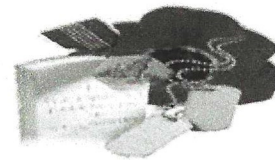
PO Box 904

Ephrata, WA 98823-0904

Once again, thank you for your past support and we are hoping you will continue to support this worthwhile program.

"ONE NATION, ONE MOMENT"

In an act of national unity, remember those Americans who gave their lives in service for their country.



Memorial Day . . . it's not about war . . . it's about people. They died, most of them young, serving their fellow Americans, their country, future generations – all of us.

This Memorial Day, please pause with Americans at home and abroad to honor the men and women who died so that we might enjoy the gift of freedom. Let us never forget their sacrifice.

At 3pm, simply stop what you are doing and think for one minute about those who died for your freedom. If you are driving, turn on your vehicle's headlights.

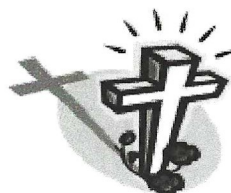
As you participate in the National Moment of Remembrance, you are helping reclaim Memorial Day for the noble purpose for which it was established – to honor those who died in service to our Nation. It is a minute of reflection that everyone can spare. This is done on Memorial Day



If you have more than a moment to spare, please help us with distributing poppies. From May 18th through Memorial Day, Post and Unit 28 American Legion Family will once again ask citizens to honor all veterans by wearing a poppy. These poppies are handmade by Veterans for Veterans. We need volunteers to help distribute at various locations in Ephrata and Soap Lake (Quincy too, if we get enough volunteers). The main areas we're thinking of are the Post Offices, Safeway and Wal-Mart.

If we have a large group of volunteers, it would mean only a couple hours of your time. It's preferred to have 2 people at each timeframe, 1 Auxiliary member and 1 Legionnaire (wearing Legion cap). We're also looking for local businesses which would be willing to have some poppies displayed alongside a small special poppy can for donations to be made. If you can help with this very important cause, please contact Jane Montaney 509-760-1433.

VOLUNTEERS are also NEEDED to help place American Flags and white crosses on veterans' graves at the Ephrata Cemetery on Friday, May 24th at 4pm and then help take them down on Mon. May 27th at 4pm. If you can help at either or both times, please contact Mike (509)989-4417 or Jane Montaney, (509)760-1433, to volunteer.



Ceremonies taking place on Memorial Day Observed: Soap Lake (10am), Ephrata (11am), and Quincy (12:30) Cemeteries, Monday May 27th. Please contact Larry McCarty (509)246-5023, or Jane Montaney if you can help with any of the ceremonies. If you can't help, at least please be present at one or more of the ceremonies; preferably in uniform (Legionnaires should wear their caps, Auxiliary wear dark slacks (or skirt) and white blouse. The Art Semro Post 28 coordinates the ceremony at the Ephrata Cemetery but we support them all.

Seem busy? Well, it's all to the betterment of others. Makes ya feel kinda good knowing that you're doing something that will make a difference in the lives of others.



CLEAR CHOICE
REALTY
Serving All Of Washington


Cell: 509.398.7100
Office: 509.754.2179
tmoncrief75@yahoo.com
www.clearchoice-realty.com

Tom Moncrief
Owner
1075 Basin St. SW
Ephrata WA, 98823

Tumbleweed Gallery
Handmade Sterling Silver Jewelry by Don
Agate Paintings by Arla

Don & Arla Deycous
h. (509) 754-2946
c. (509) 750 7489
c. (509) 237-9418

14467 Dodson Rd. Ephrata, WA arladon@nwi.net



May 2024

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
<div> <div>Apr 2024</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> <div>Jun 2024</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30									1	2	3 Fish Night	4 Parking Lot Bazaar 9 to 4
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
1	2	3	4	5	6																																																																																												
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																																																																																											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																																																																																											
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																											
28	29	30																																																																																															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
						1																																																																																											
2	3	4	5	6	7	8																																																																																											
9	10	11	12	13	14	15																																																																																											
16	17	18	19	20	21	22																																																																																											
23	24	25	26	27	28	29																																																																																											
30																																																																																																	
5 Breakfast 9 to Noon Parking Lot Bazaar 9 to 4	6	7	8	9 Elections Lasagna Post & Unit meeting 7PM	10 Steak Night 5:30	11 Corn Hole 2PM																																																																																											
12 Mothers Day Mothers Day Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17 Dinner Country Fried Steak Memorial Jerene Brammer	18 Armed Forces Day Honor Flight Dinner & Dessert Auction																																																																																											
19 Breakfast 9 to Noon Chip Toss	20	21	22 Trich & Keith 1st Anniversray	23 Post E-board 7PM	24	25																																																																																											
26 Breakfast 9 to Noon Thunder of the Columbia 10:15 to 11:15	27 Memorial Day Observed Ceremonies Soap Lake 10AM Ephrata 11AM Quincy 12:30	28	29	30	31 Pork Loin Dinner																																																																																												

American Legion Post 28
276 8th Ave NW
PO Box 904
Ephrata, WA 98823

PR SRT STD
Non-Profit Org.
Permit No. 15
Ephrata, WA

Legion and Auxiliary Officers

Post 28

Commander	Kim Thomas
1 st Vice	Alexander Duncan
2 nd Vice	Frank Tempel
Adjutant	Heather Garces
Finance Officer	Tom Moncrief
Chaplain	Don Deycous
Historian	Marv Wixson
Sgt at Arms	Jeff Krausse
Service Officer	Vacant
Judge Advocate	Mike Montaney
Jr. Past Commander	Vacant

Unit 28

President	Heather Wilson
Vice President	
Secretary	Maggs Skowronski
Treasurer	Jane Montaney
Chaplain	Arla Deycous
Historian	Stephanie Sherwood
Sgt at Arms	Marina Best

Executive Board Members at Large

2026	Jason Wilson
2025	Vinny Sanchez
2024	Don Deycous

Patty Thornton
Terri Moncrief
Sunshine Pray